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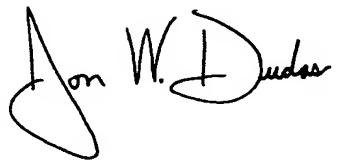
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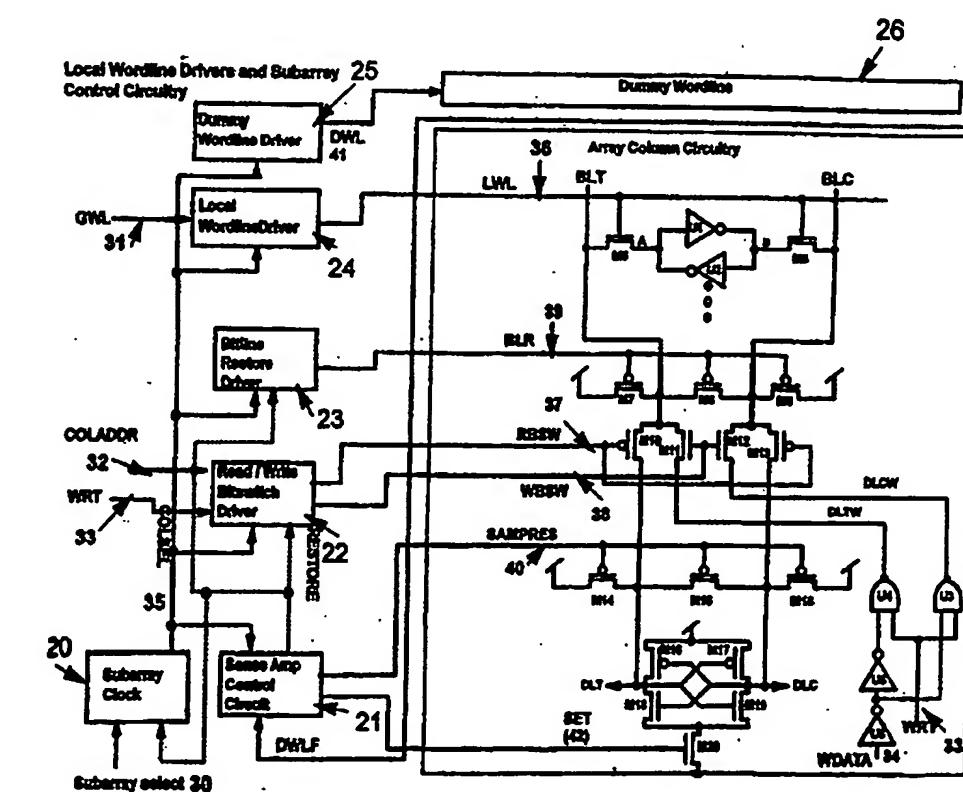
(57) ABSTRACT

Related U.S. Application Data

A semiconductor memory device having an active restore weak write test mode for resistive bitline contacts. During the write margin test a circuit is used to block the bitline restore devices from turning off during the SRAM write cycle.

(62) Division of application No. 10/064,568, filed on Jul. 26,
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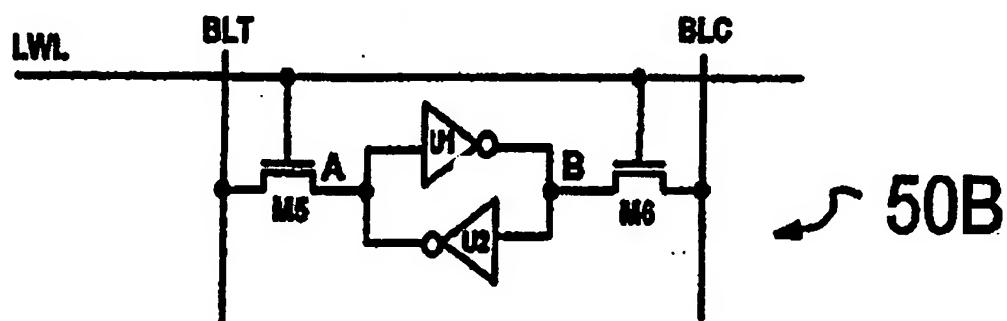
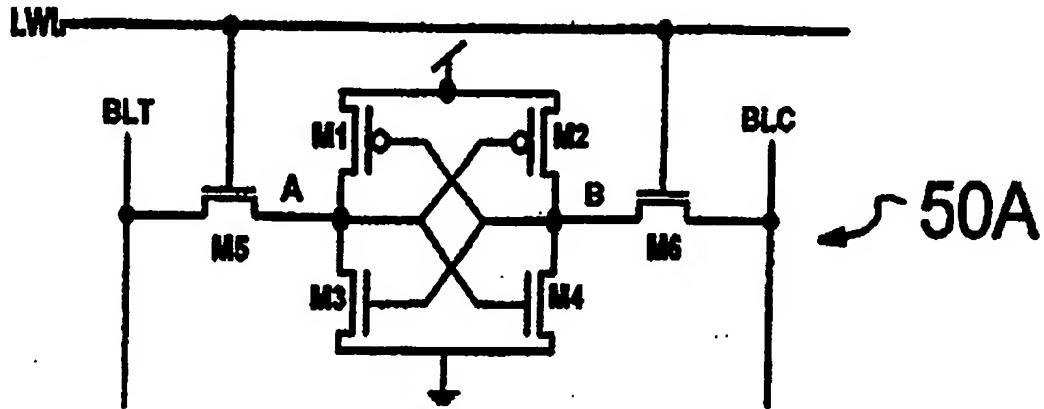


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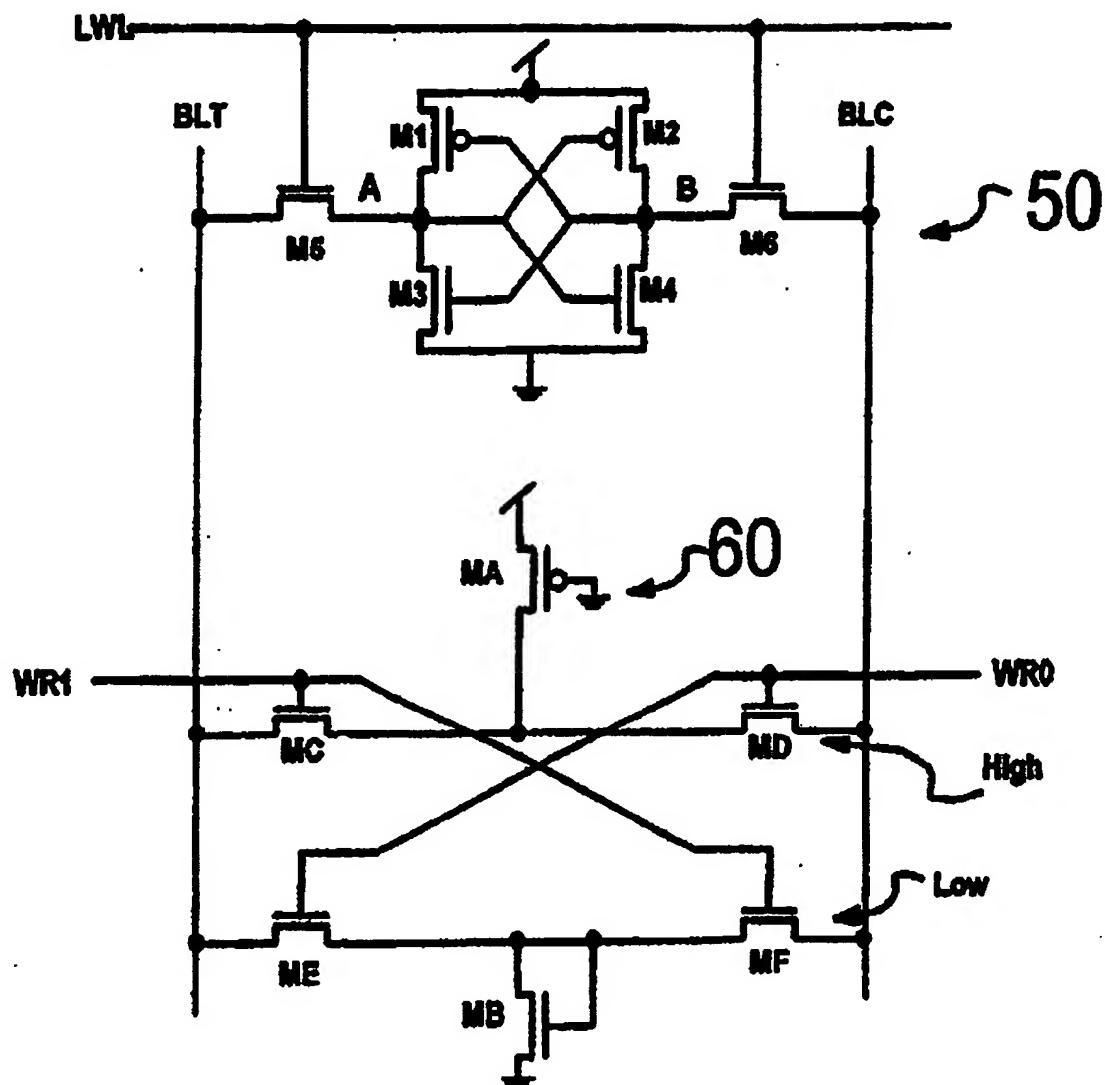
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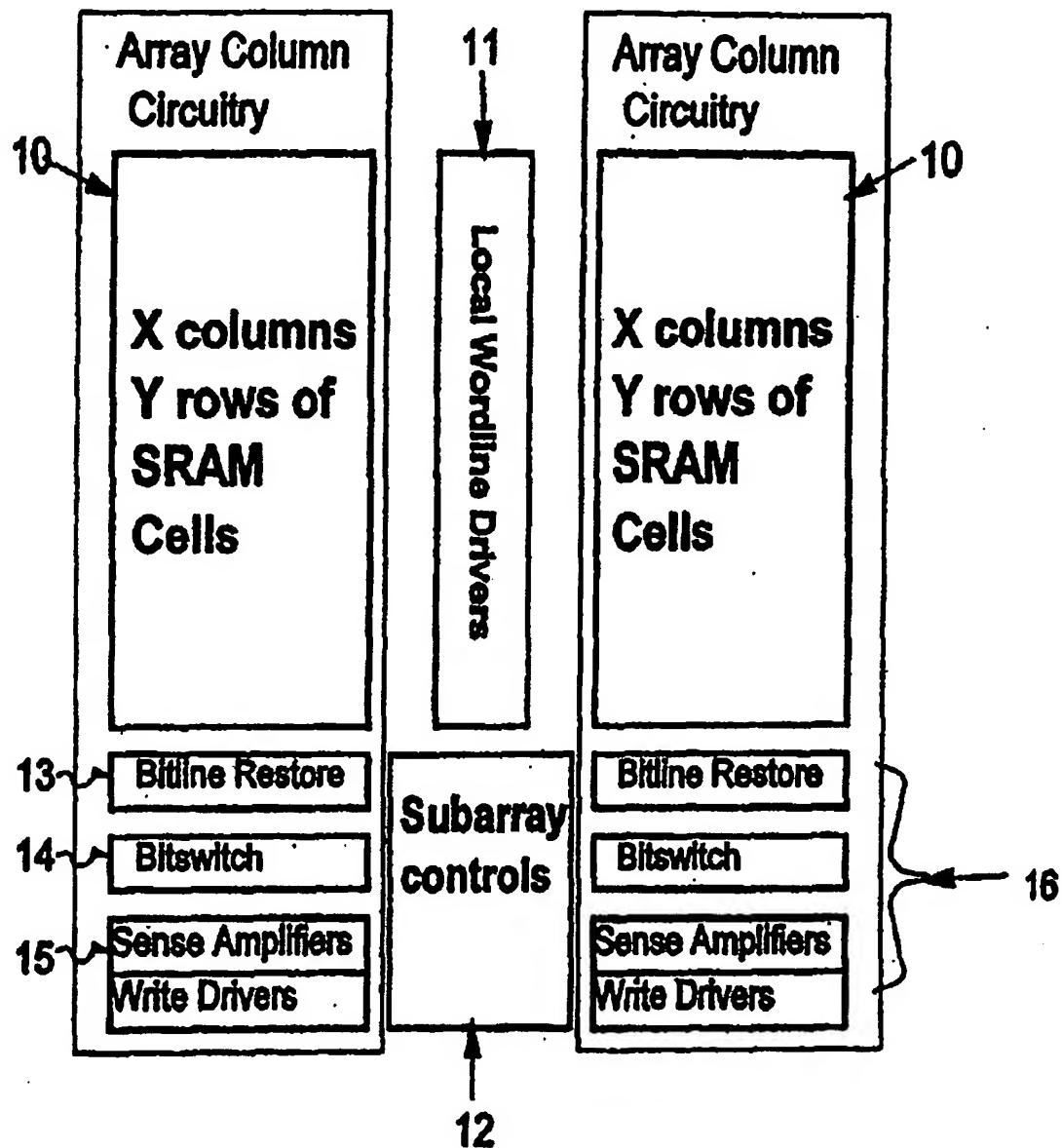


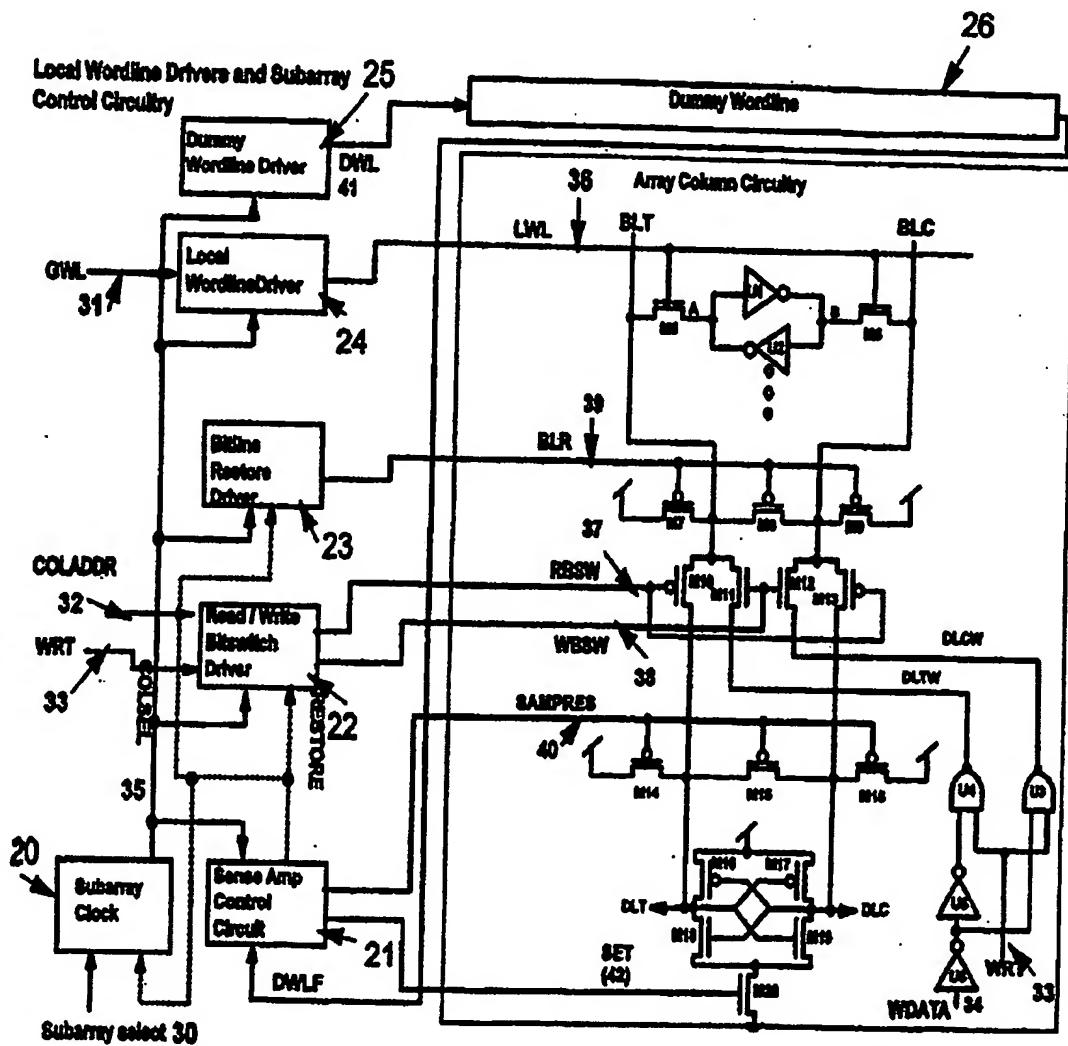
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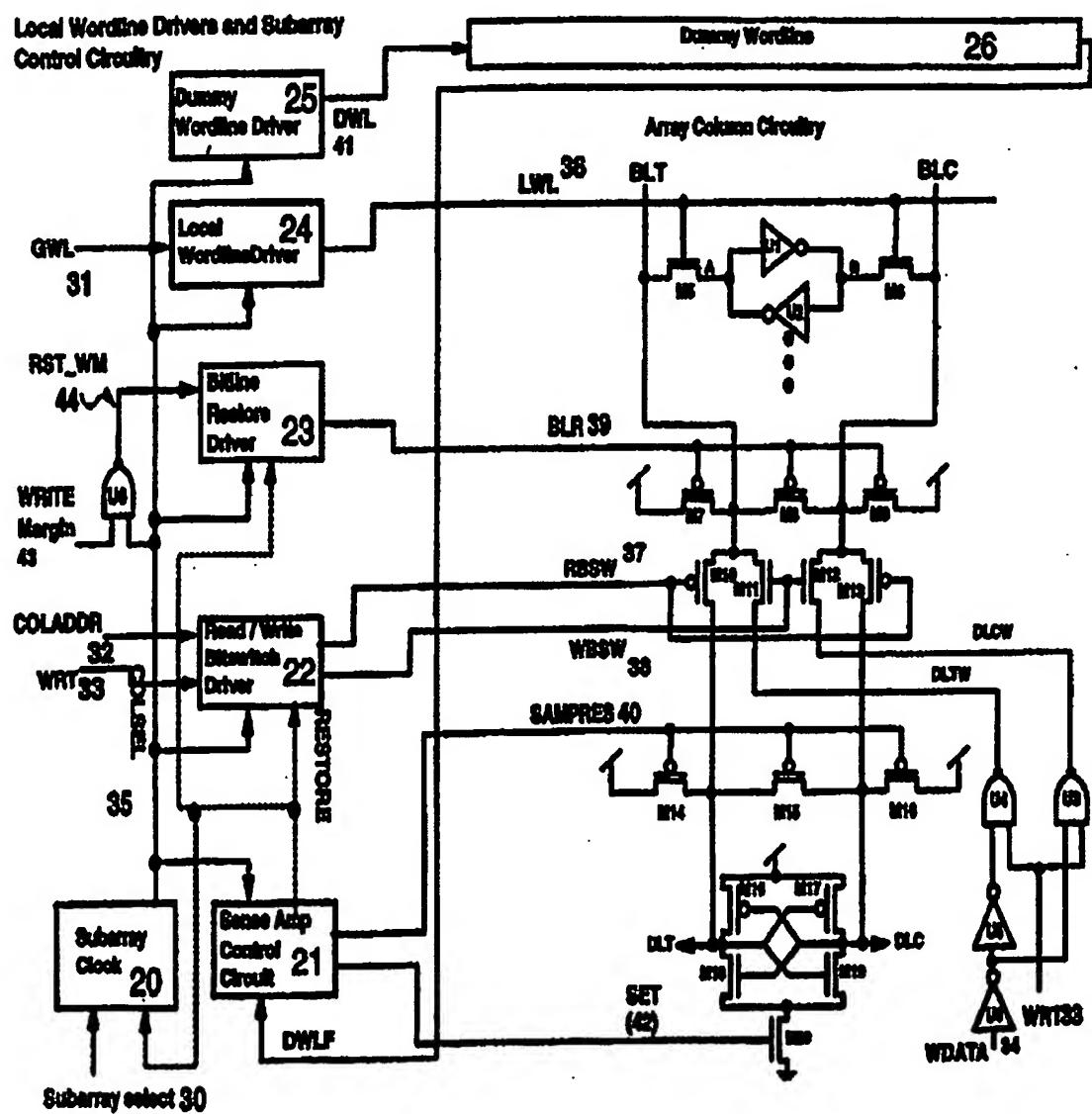


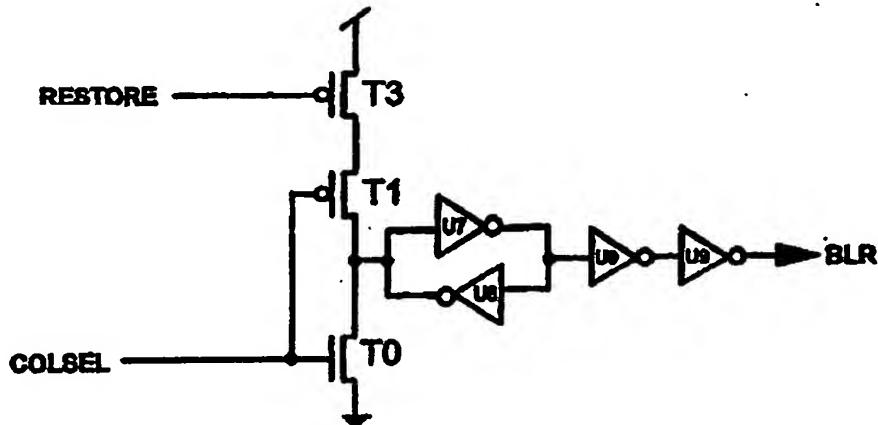
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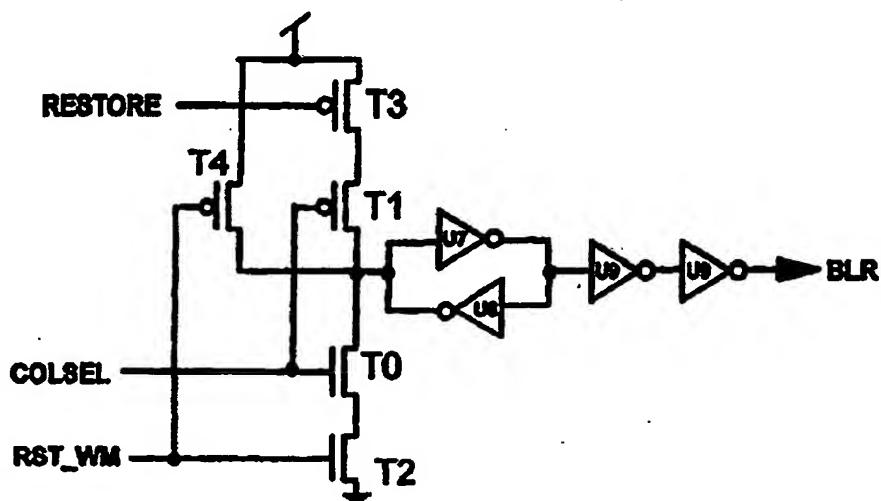


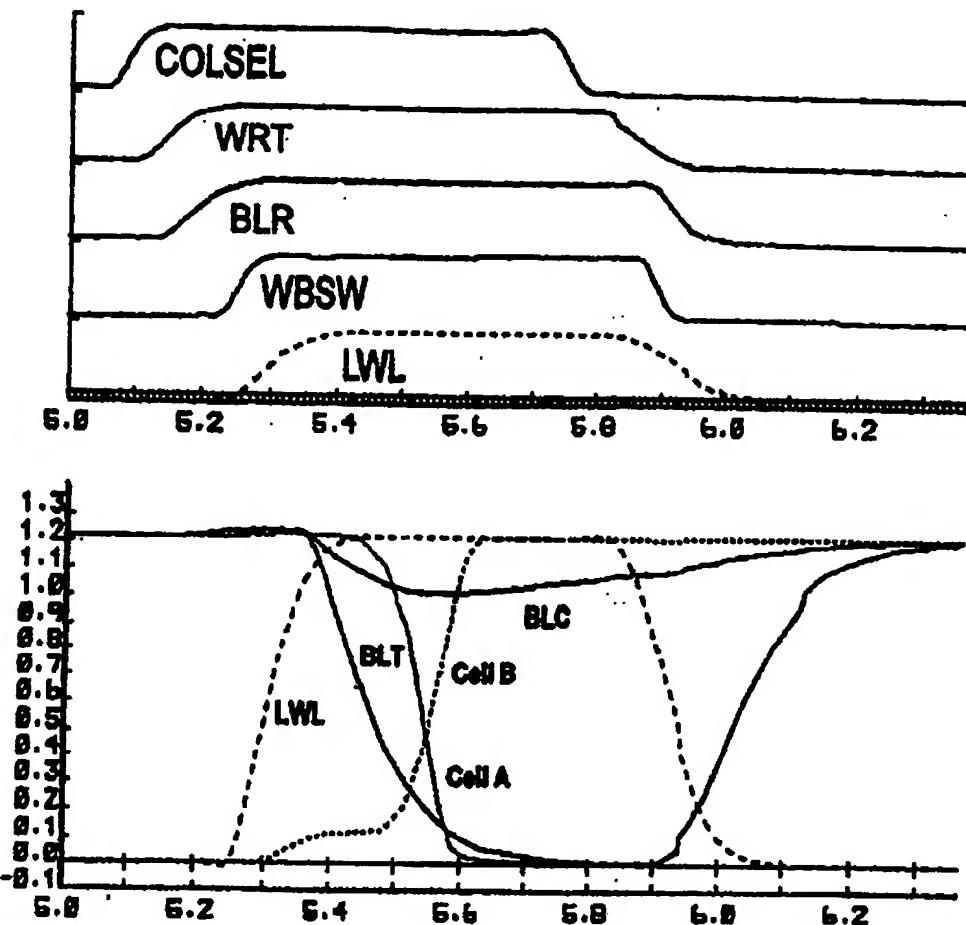
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FIG. 6A

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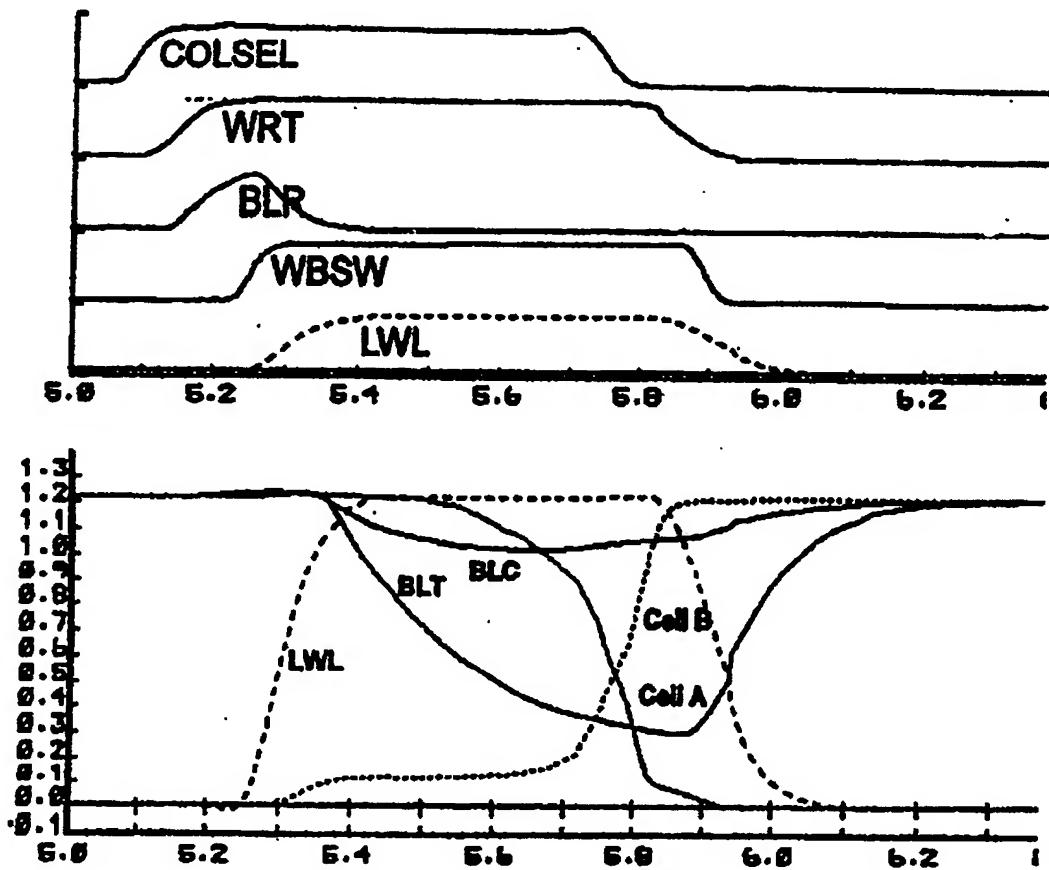


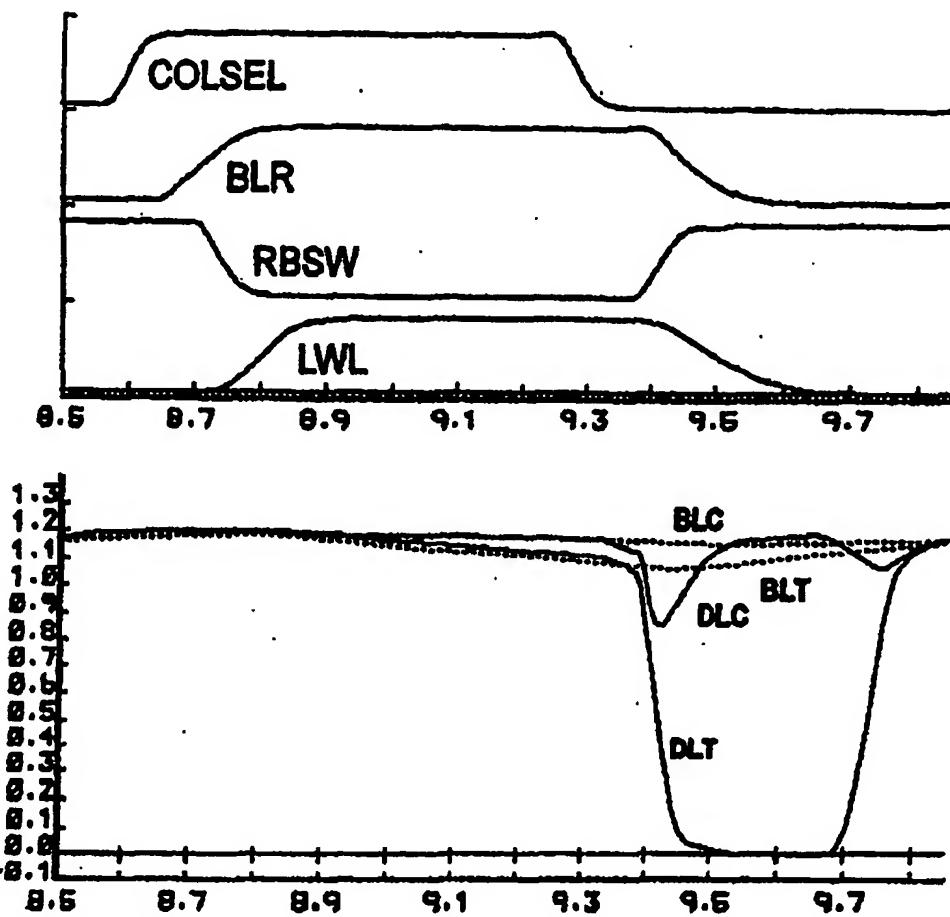
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FIG. 6C